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| | DEVICE FOR ANASTOMOSIS AND |) | |
| | RELATED METHODS FOR |) | |
| | PERCUTANEOUS PLACEMENT |) | |
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2009 in the above-identified Application. The Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the remarks herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.